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USG for required insurance plan

Undergraduate Student Government says 'yes' to required insurance.

By Bridget Tharp
REPORTER

By the year 2006, University students could be required to purchase student health insurance, if student leaders have their way.

The Undergraduate Student Government passed a resolution in favor of a hard waiver for student health insurance, which means that uninsured students would be required to purchase a plan offered through Student

Health Services. USG joins Graduate Student Senate as a student group that supports a plan that would require uninsured students to buy health insurance.

Dr. Glenn Egelman, health center director and chief physician, spoke in favor of the plan to require insurance during open forum at last night's USG meeting.

"I truly believe this is of benefit to you," Egelman said and added that neither himself nor the University would directly profit from a required insurance plan.

Concerns about a required insurance plan were discussed. Some senators wondered about

students whose religion forbids emergency medical care like blood transfusions.

The main concern that was discussed was the cost. Egelman estimated that the cost could be about \$1200 for University students every year. But no definite cost quotes were available, because bids from insurance companies will not be given to the health center until this Friday, Egelman said. Egelman also said that cost should not be an issue because the University can survey how much students would be able to afford. But a cheaper plan could mean inadequate coverage, Egelman said.

"You can always trim back a plan to cost less," Egelman said. "That, I think, is how we've gotten ourselves into the situation we currently have this year, which is a plan that cost around \$1000 that's not really covering much of anything."

Sen. Maria Khoury added an amendment to the original resolution that there be "a need-based waiver for low-income students." The debate about the issue of required insurance began with varying opinions about the plan, but the amendment seemed to satisfy any remaining concerns about the issue.

When the amendment passed

with a majority vote, the debate came to a close.

Later during her senator report, Sen. Niki Messmore said Student Health Services will now charge \$10 per visit for uninsured students. Dr. Egelman was still present at the meeting, and he confirmed Messmore's announcement. But Dr. Egelman called the charge "flexible."

Also during open forum, the associate vice president of the University, Larry Weiss, urged students to ask for increased funding for higher education. A new shortcut added on Monday to the college website lets users send a prewritten message to

their state representatives. To tell your representative to give financial support to Ohio colleges and universities, click on the "Advocate for BGsu" button on www.bgsu.edu, Weiss said.

A new resolution was introduced by USG Sen. Maria Khoury that would support the Latino Student Union's letter-writing campaign to lower flags to half-staff whenever an Ohio soldier is killed in battle. President Alex Wright said he would support the resolution. USG will vote on the resolution at next Monday's meeting to be held March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in room 113 in Olscamp Hall.

Council member out of primaries

By Carrie Whitaker
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After six years on Bowling Green City Council Sarah Tomashefski has decided to withdraw her name from the running for the Ward 1 seat.

She said it is the memory of running as a student that helped her decide to withdraw her name.

"When I ran two years ago, I did so after unsuccessfully trying as a student to run," Tomashefski said. "Seeing two students file petitioner reminded me of why I ran in the first place."

Before she pulled her name from the running, she was one of three individuals up for the democratic ticket in November. In her absence she leaves the race to Nathan Nickens, University senior, and Gordy Heminger, a University alumnus who currently works in the Office of Campus Involvement.

"Tomashefski's withdrawal from the race and her acknowledgment that a student needs to be on Council puts us in a stronger position to elect a student to begin the work of fighting for us at City Council," Nickens said. He said he looks forward to resolving problems involving the nuisance and zoning ordinances in Bowling Green.

The decision against running was a difficult one, Tomashefski said, but it will make her schedule a little easier because she just began law school.

"It was a very difficult decision to make," Tomashefski said.

Quinn asks bars not to open early

By Angela L. Gorter
MANAGING EDITOR

For the second year in a row, Mayor John Quinn has made a St. Patrick's Day request of the bars in Bowling Green. He has asked them to keep their doors closed until their usual opening time, and not to open in the morning as many bars will traditionally do this Thursday.

"We are trying to get them to open later in the day. We are not trying to stifle business, but [we] just think that starting it with alcohol at 6 a.m. is a little too early," Quinn said.

The letters went out on Feb. 26 and were received with little to no comments from the establishments that received them.

Ziggy Zoombas did not receive

a letter this year, nor last year, but has decided not to open as early; they are opening at their regular business hour of 11 a.m.

Buffalo Wild Wings has traditionally opened the earliest out of all of the bars in town at 6 a.m. They serve green beer, and like most of the other bars, they will only admit those 21 years old and over. BW3's was also the

only bar that Quinn said replied to his request.

Last year, only four bars had opened earlier than their usual business hours, which Quinn felt was somewhat successful.

But, both the city and the University have concerns about just how early the students begin celebrating, Quinn, speaking for the University, said that the main

concern of the faculty and staff on campus is that students will be coming to class after spending some time at the bars.

"We have had several incidents downtown during the day [on St. Patrick's Day] instead of at night. Those are the kinds of things that have inspired concerns," he said.

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FOR THE KIDS



John Findling BG News

CANDLE WALK CONGREGATION: University students Abby Snyder and Andrew Gibson converse prior to the candle walk last night. The candle walk is part of Dance Marathon's week-long celebration. Snyder is a member of the technology community for DM and Gibson is a volunteer.

Store closes due to BiG Charge

Miranda Bond
FEATURES EDITOR

All that is left at 1424 East Wooster is a vacant shop with paper covering its windows and a "closed" sign on the door. This is where the BEE-GEE book store served the Bowling Green community for forty years.

Business at BEE-GEE had been steadily decreasing in recent years, which lead to the owner's decision to close the store at the end of February. Manager, Kent Kokomoor, said that he believes the main reason for low business was due to the Universities' BiG Charge card.

"The University has always said that they support the community, but when it comes down to it they are killing of a lot of competition with the BiG Charge card," said Kokomoor. He believes that since students are able to use the BiG Charge as a credit card, they are more likely to go to the Union Bookstore for books than go to his stores where they cannot use the BiG Charge.

Students do have the option to use City Bucks, which can be an alternative to using their BiG Charge. City Bucks allows students to use their student ID cards off campus. It works like a debit card rather than the BiG Charge, which is a credit card. Kokomoor said that City Bucks did little to boost sales. He believes is due to the fact that they money has to be there when students make the purchase with City Bucks.

"City Bucks has been a waste," he said. "We see only a few sales coming in on that card."

Kokomoor has been working at the state level to allow the BiG Charge to be used

off campus. He is optimistic about the future of SBX, that he also manages, even though BEE-GEE went out of business. He said that his customers are loyal and he believes that BEE-GEE customers will patronize SBX. He hopes to see an increase in sales, but realizes that BEE-GEE customers may go to the Union.

Freshman, Allison Cooper, shopped at BEE-GEE several times since coming to Bowling Green. She said that she would probably buy books at the Union because it was closer to her residence hall, Harshman-Dunbar.

"It will be a little more inconvenient when I have to get something," she said. "I'll have to walk to the Union."

When BEE-GEE originally opened in 1965, it was established to serve the students like Cooper who live in the quads, Harshman and Kreisher. It was opened seven years after SBX. Both stores are owned by Student Book Exchange Incorporated. Kokomoor said that SBX has always received more business than BEE-GEE, mainly due to its location and parking availability.

Since both stores are owned by the same company, none of the BEE-GEE employees had to be let go. Instead, many of them transferred to SBX to work. Most of the merchandise was also transferred to SBX.

Kokomoor said that the older merchandise from each store was moved to the old BEE-GEE location and they plan on having a liquidation sale at the end of the month. He said that the owners of the building will be renting it out.

School board members violate law

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON, Ohio — For Bonnie Krebs, the last straw was an early morning school board meeting she says was called with almost no notice.

She learned the results of the 7 a.m. meeting last April in the afternoon newspaper: the district superintendent had been suspended.

Outraged, Krebs and a group of concerned parents spearheaded an effort that hundreds of documents and \$80,000 in legal fees later led to a judge's unprecedented order removing

three school board members in part for violations of the state open meetings law.

"Everything they did, they did behind closed doors. They wouldn't do anything out," Krebs said. "It was horrible."

Members of the Madison-Plains school board systematically violated the state's public records and open meetings laws, according to the 130-page ruling by Judge Robert Nichols of Madison County Common Pleas Court.

The allegations included adjourning for private sessions without giving proper notice, handing over board authority to a single member without a proper public vote and using e-mails instead of meeting publicly.

"Open records are one of the keys to an informed citizenry ..."

SCOTT OELSLAGER,
CANTON REPUBLICAN

law "appear to reflect a bunker mentality" created by several controversies at the district

coming together at once, including the closure of an elementary school and a sex scandal involving the football coach and several high school girls.

The board members deny the allegations, saying in an appeal of Nichols' decision that they always followed the law when adjourning into private meetings called executive sessions.

"No credible evidence was presented to suggest that during any of the board's executive sessions did the board members discuss anything that could not law

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

THURSDAY



Flurries

High: 46°
Low: 28°

FRIDAY



Mostly Cloudy

High: 43°
Low: 25°

SATURDAY



Rain and Snow

High: 38°
Low: 27°

SUNDAY



Few Showers

High: 41°
Low: 25°

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Government officials may have to take public record classes

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fully be discussed," the board's attorney, Lauren Ross, said in written documents.

Board member Blenda James declined to comment. Other board members did not return phone messages.

Debate over the state's public records laws was renewed last year after a survey by Ohio newspapers and The Associated Press found public employees followed the law only about half the time when asked to provide common records on an unconditional and timely basis.

In response, proposed legislation would require government officials to take classes on Ohio's public records laws. Officials would face a \$250 a day penalty for not complying with records' requests.

"The denial of public records is really a philosophical denial of what our society is all about, that people control the government, not elected officials," said Rep. Scott Oelslager, a Canton Republican and sponsor of the bill.

"Open records are one of the keys to an informed citizenry that allows them to participate in the process," he said.

Efforts to close public records also continue. Rep. Bill Seitz, a Cincinnati Republican, wants to make the names of people with concealed weapons permits off limits, saying current law helps "bad guys" by publicizing who has the permits.

The lawyer for Krebs and

several hundred voters who signed the complaint that led to the board's ouster said technology helped the board abuse the state's open meetings law.

"You cannot try to subvert the law by saying, 'We never actually met,' if you met by e-mailing and instant messaging back and forth," said attorney Eric Schooley. "It's no different than going to the local restaurant and talking about school board business."

Ross, the board's attorney, disagreed. "A meeting is a prearranged discussion of a majority of members of a public board," Ross said. "There's nothing prearranged about somebody sitting at his computer sending an e-mail."

Krebs, 38, a respiratory therapist at a Columbus hospital, is trying to figure out ways to raise the money to pay off the legal fees her group incurred in their open meetings' fight. They have about \$10,000 to date.

The fight took a personal toll on her and her husband, Paul, as they struggled to collect evidence while working and raising their four children, Krebs said.

"If the situation in our district had been a little bit different, we probably wouldn't have," she said. "But because it was actually causing the district to crumble, something had to be done and that's why we took the step that we did."

Possible video game major

Chicago Columbia College may adopt new video game major.

By James Janega
KRT CAMPUS

CHICAGO—Promising it as a way into the future—and maybe stoking the worst fears of college parents—Chicago's Columbia College will decide this spring whether to let students major in video games.

As early as next fall, the school could start the course program—for designing games, not playing them.

The curriculum would be similar to a major in film studies. History of Games 204? Believe it. Don't forget Selling Your Game 406, either.

Quick as a mouse click, Columbia hopes to cash in on the gaming industry's winning outlook.

Across the country, schools have added courses and even academic majors in video game design. The academic offerings have joined a \$7 billion industry in which single games can have budgets up to \$30 million and creative staffs of 200.

The proposed major has been in the works for two years at Columbia, long enough to be the main topic of conversation among students nearing—and even second-guessing—graduation.

Inquiries about the games

major have been steady at the college admissions office, said admissions executive director Murphy Monroe.

"We are confident that this would become very big for us," he said. A final decision is expected as early as March.

To the strumming of classical guitar recordings in Columbia's Interactive Media studio, one young woman shuffles game elements around a screen. Another man glares with open animosity at a shoe reluctantly taking shape on the monitor in front of him.

Student Peter Martinez builds his perfect woman.

She has blue hair and red eyes. She fights unjust authority. Her name is Reflex, and she has the ears of a mouse.

"It's a story I've always had in mind," Martinez said, his words hurried and his slender fingers a rapid blur. "A lot of comic book guys have that, where they have a story in mind for a long time."

Growing up in Chicago, he knew when he was 6 that he loved video games. At 10, he knew he could make them better than anyone else. At 22, he is about to graduate with a degree in interactive multimedia.

"At the time, it sounded like the closest thing this school had to a game development curriculum," he complained.

No more.

As gaming's star has risen, a whole field has built up around it, said Reilly Brennan, director of media relations for Midway

Games, Inc., the Chicago-based company behind Mortal Kombat, MLB Slugfest and Spy Hunter 2.

"This industry is growing every day," he said. "It was a learn-as-you-go thing. People got into it because they liked video games."

Now, the games are more complicated, the applications more widespread and the appeal to create them more broad-based, he said.

Academia has taken note, and colleges and design schools around the country have added courses devoted to video game design.

They can be found at the University of Southern California, the University of North Texas and Westwood College in DuPage County, Ill., among others.

The University of Illinois at Chicago offers a video game design course, while the Illinois Institute of Art offers a bachelor of fine arts. DePaul University started offering a game design major last fall.

A master's program in gaming is available at Georgia Tech and at Carnegie Mellon University.

In the bigger programs, the course load is technical and broad, and needs to be, say game designers.

"I know the tools. That's no problem," Martinez said. "But a lot of the important things—like tweaking your game, where to start from, what people to pick to help you on a project—I didn't know any of that."

Until final approval is given,

the details of Columbia's curriculum are secret, but the gist isn't:

It's going to be hard.

Discrete math. Physics. Music theory. Programming and game development, plus animation and business skills.

Columbia faculty supporter Dave Gerding sums it up in two words—"crazy hard"—and therein lies its appeal.

The payoff is a crack at an industry already infiltrating everything from Hollywood to education to business training seminars, and the mounting complexity of new games has made a well-rounded education essential, said Jason Della Rocca, executive director of the International Game Developers Association.

"You're not picking up kids off the street to do that. You need people with specialized knowledge and experience and a certain level of education," Della Rocca said.

Columbia's proposed curriculum closely follows the association's suggested course outline.

The idea has been to foster games that are beneficial to education or that build problem-solving skills—though shoot-'em-ups like the one starring Martinez's mouse-eared vixen will not be discouraged.

"With any luck," Gerding said out of Martinez's earshot, "Peter portends the future."

Annual letters are sent to bars

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Also, with students being back from spring break longer than they have in years past, and the NCAA tournament beginning that afternoon, Quinn said that this is just an attempt to hold off how early the festivities of the day begin.

"We want them to enjoy the special day, but just don't see anything socially redeem-

ing about drinking at 7 a.m., especially if it turns into a rather long day," Quinn said.

Presently the letters are an annual occurrence, though Quinn said that he will have to wait and see what happens this year to determine if the same will be necessary for next year.

"We did feel that we had an impact this year," he said. "We will go year by year and see if there is any effect."

HOW EARLY ARE THEY OPENING?

BW3'S: 6 a.m.
Kamikaze's: 6:30 a.m.
BREWSTERS: 8 a.m.
CAMPUS QUARTERS: 8 a.m.
TROTTERS: 8 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m. for lunch
EASY STREET CAFE: 11 a.m.
ZIGGY ZOOMBAS: 11 a.m.
BRATHAUS: Noon
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MIAMI — Florida International University wants to open its very own spy school. OK, it's not the cloak-and-dagger stuff of Tom Clancy novels. Rather, FIU has received a \$3 million federal grant to train future intelligence analysts and researchers crucial to the heightened effort on national security.

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Noon - 1 p.m.

Child-Free by Choice: Happy Non-Mothers "You're a woman — you must want kids!" In our "all women are meant to be mothers" culture, this phrase often brings frustration to women who have chosen (for any reason) to be child-free — and who are happy with

their decisions. Choosing not to mother, however, often is met with disapproval and even hostility from family, friends and society. Come hear from some happy non-moms — Kriss Ferluga, Lisa Schwartz, Barbara Floyd and Kelly Cichy — about their decision-making process, reactions they have received and their advice to other young women deciding if they want to be mothers. In recognition of Women's History Month. The Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall

Noon - 4 p.m.

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Visiting Artist Michael Barnes Workshop: Monday, March 14 through Thurs., March 17 as arranged. During this workshop, Barnes

will make printing plates and students will print a multi-color lithograph for the artist. Spectators are welcome at any time. Michael Barnes currently teaches at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. He received his MFA from the University of Iowa in 1996 and his BFA from Alma College, Alma, Mich. in 1991. His prints and drawings have been exhibited extensively throughout the U.S. as well as in exhibitions in Japan, Finland, Romania, Poland, Estonia and Taiwan. For More Information Contact: jballwe@bgsu.net or 419-372-8515

Lecture: Wed., March 16, 6-7:30 p.m. Fine Arts Center - printmaking studios & Room 1101

8 p.m.

Faculty Artist Series: Laura Melton, piano series featuring faculty performers from the College of Musical Arts. Free and open to the public. Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

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CORRECTIONS

Yesterday in the article, "GSS backs new insurance plan," the World Student Association's e-mail address was printed arub@etc. It is, in fact, arupc@etc.

PEACE ADVOCATE



Dave Tam BG News

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OPINION

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Higher Education Act out of date

Congress passed the Higher Education Act in 1968 to guarantee access to higher education to all adults. Every few years, the law must be revised. It is up for review again this year and several aspects of the law deserve special attention, especially the provisions for student assistance.

In recent years, college tuition costs have risen faster than inflation. According to a report by the Congressional Research Service, between 1990 and 2001 tuition at public colleges and universi-

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ties rose by 40 percent while inflation crept up at a rate of only 12 percent. In that same period, there was a shift in the way the government helps students pay for college.

The government assists students primarily through gift aid or grants and tax breaks, which do not have to be repaid, and loans, mainly direct, Federal Family Education and Perkins loans. In 1990, 69 percent of federal aid came through loans and 27 percent through grants. Just 10 years later, loans made up 80 percent of all aid. This continuing shift means students today are accumulating more debt now than their predecessors did 15 years ago.

Like many Americans, students shy away from accumulating debt, especially middle and low-income individuals. Although the number of women and minorities attending higher education institutions has increased, there remains a large gap between the attendance rates of certain ethnic and economic groups. The CSR reported that, "In 1999, the rate at which high school graduates from high-income families ... enrolled in college in the fall following their graduation was

about 27 percentage points greater than that for low-income individuals." Likewise, Caucasian students enrolled in college at a rate seven points more than African Americans and 21 points more than Hispanic students did.

Clearly, the HEA is not doing its job of ensuring access to higher education for all. Congress must address whether "the predominance of loans in the available HEA student aid has adverse consequences for access," according to the CRS. They must reverse

the current trend and start helping students pay for college with more grants and fewer loans. Today, a bachelor's degree is quickly becoming mandatory for professional success, but the idea of graduating college with a pile of debt is daunting. It can turn students away from low-paying, but important professions like teaching, or turn them away from higher education altogether. When it reviews the Higher Education Act, Congress must prioritize access to college and stop favoring loans.

Cable news punditry is absurd



J. MICHAEL BESTUL

...from the pit of despair

Over the course of Spring Break, Dan Rather signed off for the last time as anchor of CBS news. If you had a chance to watch any news last week, you know that everybody heard this tree fall, and wanted to give their two cents.

My concern isn't about Rather, but a certain thread of comments relating to his disgrace and departure. News commentators reflected upon how well Rather didn't fit in an anchorman's chair. The other networks have Peter Jennings and Brian Williams, two suave and well-coiffed men who deliver you the news in a warm, personable style.

Not Rather. He was closer to a grumbling pit bull, seemingly ready to snap at any stray piece of news. But, as commentators point out, an anchor's chair is not a place that such tenacious dogs sit easily. Perhaps, they concluded, Dan was an old journalist in a new mainstream media.

Which brings me to my latest ulcer (I've named it "Hurty"). CNN Headline News has completely revamped its presentation, including a new show hosted by Nancy Grace. If these are indicators of this "new media" that has no place for a Rather, then I'm so glad I dropped my journalism major all those years ago.

Allow me to qualify that statement. For years, I've watched Jon Stewart echo my sentiment about problematic media programs, such as Crossfire and The O'Reilly Factor. The former involves four guys who sit around, name-call, insult, and talk over each other. Does this illuminate any of the arguments they bring to the table? No. Yelling unsupported assertions and personal put-downs does not make good debate, much less news.

And O'Reilly? Yeah, any news program that asks guests their opinions, dismisses them, and

then tells the guest what they really think has as much journalistic value as a rotting kumquat.

Now, you can disagree with how I'm defining mainstream media with these examples. Even if you do, however, you have to concede that these are popular shows you've been the models for other news programs. If these aren't the "new media," they're at least a prominent segment.

Into that segment, enter Nancy Grace. According to CNN, hers is the "only justice-themed/interview/debate show, designed for those interested in the justice stories of the day." Given the recent news climate of Kobe, Petersen, Jacko, and court shootings, a cynic might wonder why no one thought of this before. But, I digress.

My view on this show has developed from watching two episodes. Not exactly a broad data set, but this is a medium where you need to hook viewers on one showing. I caught the days where Michael Jackson showed up late to court, and the next day, when a rape suspect escaped and shot court employees, including a judge. In other words, big days for a "justice-themed" program.

Consider me not only unimpressed, but frustrated. On the nights that I tuned in, I found that her show actually juxtaposed aspects of both Crossfire and O'Reilly. During the Jackson discussion, she constantly simplified and misinterpreted her guests' comments and then threw them back in their faces. Witness this exchange between Grace and a psychotherapist, Dr. Robi Ludwig:

Ludwig: ...you have to remember, it is possible for children to falsely accuse adults of sexual abuse. I just want to put that out there.

Grace: OK, I just got — so far tonight you've said that Jackson probably did have a back ailment. And that you're suggesting this child is making up the accusation.

Ludwig: No, I'm not suggesting that.

Grace: What are you doing here?

Ludwig: No, I am not suggest-

ing that.

Grace: Then why did you say that?

Ludwig: Because it is possible. After this degenerates into unintelligible cross-talk, Grace simplifies Ludwig's argument and condescends to it before cutting to commercial. Later in the show, she makes sure to undercut anyone who might think that, maybe, Jackson has any shred of innocence. All she does is point out that her guests, who she invited, are defense lawyers. They obviously can't see how obvious Jackson's guilt is.

Is this what broadcast journalism has devolved to? Are opposing viewpoints now merely obstacles to overcome so that everyone can know how right you are? I started thinking that this show is taking its "justice theme" to a new level. The media has often been accused of trying a suspect outside of the courtroom; why not actually create a show that does it? We, the viewers are the jury, the guests are witnesses and defense team, and Grace is the prosecutor and judge.

The emotional appeal to the jury came the next night. It happens that the horrific courthouse shooting in Atlanta was the former stomping grounds of Nancy Grace. What started as a touching tribute turned into an hour of reminiscing about colleagues and getting emotional about the terrible, terrible nature of the crime. It was the same as before. We're the jury, and she was playing the emotional card for all it was worth.

I have few issues with the courts or the legal process. I like to reminisce and remember on occasion. But these are the realms of law and nostalgia, respectively. I would never pass them off as journalism, especially the latter.

Ideally, the media should be providing news with occasional commentary. When a news program tries to tell me what is right they're straddling a line. When one uses a program to build a legal case, the line has been crossed.

Send comments to J. Michael Bestul at best@bgnet.bgsu.edu

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Censoring our professors is not American

I am deeply offended by the ad that ran in the March 15th edition of The BG News. The Title "Is your professor using the classroom as a political soapbox?"

Just to clarify, I am a student NOT a member of the faculty.

Isn't the purpose of a college education to get people to think critically about societal issues? There should be nothing wrong with a professor expressing his/her opinion as long as there is room for discussion from dissenters or those playing the devil's advocate. If a professor holds you accountable to his/her opinions (i.e. lowering grades) it is the role of the department, deans or student government to take action on the students behalf. A professor has the

first amendment right to say anything, just as I have the right to say anything back — without fear of retaliation.

Or, I can get up, leave and file a complaint with the university. Those students who choose to do nothing about their dissenting opinions and are feeling that they are being oppressed by the professor are simply weak in character and lack conviction in what they believe. It becomes dangerous territory to deny someone the freedom of speech. If we take it out of the classroom, where will it be denied next??

The Students for Academic Freedom published this quarter page ad that is highly bias and partisan. It reads "if you are not taking a course whose subject is the war in Iraq, your professor should not be making statements about the war in class...or about George Bush." When did it become un-American to question our leaders and the decisions they make??? That is the very definition of democracy. It

is clear the SAF is a group of pro-Bush, pro-war supporters. My guess is that if John Kerry was elected, they would have no problem with people speaking out against him.

Also, in their ad they portray the 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure as a piece of binding legislation. When, in fact all it is a STATEMENT made by an ASSOCIATION 65 years ago! There is no law, or legal grounds, or precedent for that matter that upholds it.

All in all, what they have presented is a misleading, biased, partisan piece of garbage that is intended to mislead young, impressionable college students to support a cause that is completely unconstitutional. I am sure the Bush Administration is very proud of all their efforts!

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Which of your siblings is the best?

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FRESHMAN, ART

"I'm the best because my brother has cooties."

CRYSTAL GEE
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"My brothers are because girls have cooties."

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Cheating needs fresh new consequences

Our good friends in Undergraduate Student Government have had a few proposed rules brought to the forefront, most notably that students accused of cheating can have the right to know who the accuser is.

With that said, I, in my always fair and diplomatic way of looking at issues, can see both sides. If I were accused of cheating, I would want to know who said it... so I could, you know, "talk" to them, but this would also make me less likely to snitch on someone else — especially if that someone was bigger than me.

Maybe we should keep the current system, right? Sure, that's just what those fat cats in the USG would want to happen — as they light cigars with \$100



JOSH BENNER

Just Joshin' Ya

bills and wait for their "campaign contributions" to roll in.

I say we revamp the entire system. I have setup my own plan for people who get caught cheating in their classes. And don't worry about sending this idea to the USG, it's already been taken care of.

For the first violation, the student should be given a warning. It could be delivered with a spanking with the actual schoolwork he cheated on.

Obviously if someone is blatantly cheating — getting answers from someone over a

tin can phone — then you could throw them to a pack of wolves who haven't eaten since the last full moon. But if it happens once where it's believed that a person could have cheated, give them one strike. That might potentially let a few people get away with cheating, but if someone is a cheater, I don't think that their one "free pass" will make that much of a difference anyway. They'll get caught the next time. I doubt that they'll say, "Pfew, good thing I got away with having that math formula on my hand. From this day forward, I will never cheat again." (As lightning flashes in the background).

For the second offense, the punishment should fit the crime. If someone gets caught cheating in an environmental science

class, they'll have to pick up trash. Or if someone is caught cheating in English, they'll have to read a vocabulary builder. This might sound like a draconian punishment and that such ex post facto ostracisms would inevitably cause ad hoc solutions to such vexations; but I submit that the lyceum manifests itself in a venerable fools' paradise if they reason anything else would be preponderant. In other words, it could work.

For third time violators, they will be shipped away for a semester to study abroad. Obviously not some cool place like Rome. No, they'll have to go to someplace unfit for learning, like Antarctica or the Earth's core. That might seem unfair, but it could be worse. It's not like

we're making them study at the University of Toledo.

I had originally thought that cheaters shouldn't be allowed to read the BG News anymore, but that would be unconstitutional as it's cruel and unusual punishment. Although I might need to check up on that one. I'm not a lawyer, even though I do pretend to be one in my column. But let's face it, I pretend to be a lot of things in my column (such as a humor writer).

With all of that said, understand that I still am open to suggestions. But know that this proposal will still be called "The Benner Plan." So you're not going to get any of the credit. I heard a suggestion that a fraternity could set up a Risk Management plan on academic

dishonesty. I then came up with a name for it: Cheating: the wrong answer.

Someone else had the idea of making cheaters drive across New Mexico in a Kia on a hot July day... with Michael Moore. My friends please. We're trying to punish people, not kill them.

One student seemed completely against the idea of punishing people all together. He said, "Such castigations will just oblige plebeians to face Scilla and Charybdis when karma will let talians catch up to them as it is."

I couldn't have said it better myself.

E-mail Josh at jbenner@bgsu.net, but make sure you do your own work. He'll know.

Grass fights back against people spitting

Biological terrorism plagues a certain population on campus — and somewhere at this moment, a kid with a runny nose perpetuates that violence.

"HHHHHHHOCCCCCK!"
"Thh-OOO."

Just be glad it didn't smack you in the keyster.

The kid's mucous mixture lands squarely in the lawn, and life moves on. For him.

That loogie-shootin' student does something productive later: study, read Facebook profiles, perhaps juggle hamsters. But the spit remains. His gastrointestinal gift, possibly laden with monkeypox, remains on the grass.

And word on the street: The grass is sick of it.

As every plant biology expert knows, Bowling Green grass is unable to consume human spit. Their food consists of rainwater, stray Wendy's fries and weaker, whinier blades of grass. Unable to digest our digestive juices, they become permanently coated with the substance and eventually die of cardiac ickiness.

In fact, student spit claims the lives of 3 million grass blades a year, according to the 2005



MATT SUSSMAN

Puddle of Suss

Almanac of Mindless Violence Against Thin Green Plants.

For years the campus grass has met annually during spring break to discuss this epidemic. Since this columnist is "too cool" for spring break (my skin enjoys turning a sweet crimson after seconds of sunlight exposure) this year I snuck into their annual conference held in 101 Olscamp, armed with nothing but a tape recorder and a mighty convincing Chia Pet disguise.

I'm fairly confident the meeting actually took place and it wasn't just another hallucination from eating too many M&M's off the floor... of the bathroom... at the Sunoco.

Nevertheless, here's what I discovered. (Or allegedly made up.)

Several years ago our natural turf set into motion a master plan combating our mindless acts of carnage. Their vision of a spit-free campus has relied squarely on the hopes of their most intellectual citizens.

(Before continuing, I should explain something: Depending on its location, BGSU grass mimics the behaviors of students who enter those buildings. Therefore, the grass around Hayes, Life Science and Math Science have become geniuses and solve most of the grass' computer problems, but they have trouble finding dates.)

Years ago the smart grass built a spit retrieval system, which funnels all salivatory substance into an underground system of pipes. The pipes deposit the collected goodness into our University's water supply. This explains the presence of white, milky particles in our drinking fountain water. Yum!

If the grass ever figure out how to convert human spit into rain clouds, I would recommend either staying indoors during

storms or invest in an umbrella designed for Kirstie Alley. And the scary part? They're close to figuring it out.

But they won't stop there. This year they unveiled a new innovation in spit-blocking technology. Using their knowledge of bug spray, restaurant sneeze guards and the child adage "I am rubber you are glue..." the grass is beta testing a spray-on shield that reflects all loogies onto their masters. Known as the Strategic Projectile Isometric Tactical Boomerang Against Campus Kinfolk (SPITBACK, for short), this invention is on the verge of turning the spitter into the spitted.

Once those blades spray themselves with a coat of SPITBACK, all spit and spit-like products instantly ricochet back to the face, arms or naughty bits

of the enemy. As we all know, our own mouth goo isn't directly hazardous to our heath, but mosquitoes adore the smell.

But BG has never had a mosquito problem, right? Not until now.

The grass has been training an army of biologically perfect mosquitoes in an underground base, Area 52. (It's across the street from Area 51. They share a driveway but have different garbage pickup days.) These mosquitoes have been genetically engineered to handle Bowling Green's adverse air conditions — 200 mph winds, drastic temperature changes, mysteriously airborne hamsters — so they can instantly begin sucking on any spit-faced student.

All because we didn't swallow. At the end of the meeting, the grass seemed confident that the

final chapter was being written in the battle of grass vs. spit. According to the grass's prime minister, the slimy, gooey violence against grass draws to a close, and evil humans will no longer deploy weapons of grass destruction.

That rustling you hear from the ground isn't the wind — it's the grass laughing at us. Hopefully we can take this into consideration the next time we hear this:

"HHHHHHHOCCCCCK!"
"Thh-OOO."

Cover your jewels and don't drink the water, phlegm-face.

Matt is being hunted by the grass nation for espionage. E-mail Matt at msussma@bgsu.net, but he may take a while to respond since he's at the hospital for M&M poisoning.

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WORLD

China's threat of force raises discomfort

By Anne Gearan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW DELHI — China's new law authorizing military force against Taiwan could make Europe think twice about selling new weaponry to the Chinese, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said yesterday.

Rice, in Asia for talks this week, also said she will not let North Korea play the United States and its allies against each other in an attempt to hang onto its nuclear weapons program.

She has a long agenda in Beijing later this week, a visit made more delicate by China's decision to codify a threat to attack Taiwan if the island declares independence. The Bush administration criticized the move, and Rice said she will discuss it with Chinese leaders.

Rice said the law may make European nations reconsider resuming weapons sales that were suspended after the deadly 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protesters at Tiananmen Square. So far, the United States has been unable to persuade the European Union to continue the embargo, despite a major diplomatic offensive from Rice.

The Bush administration says more and better weaponry for China would upset the region's security balance, and could mean the United States might face improved Chinese firepower if forced to defend Taiwan from a mainland attack.

"The Europeans ... know very well our views on the arms embargo, that this is not a time to end the arms embargo," Rice told reporters en route to India, first stop on her one-week trip. "I would hope it would at least remind the Europeans that there are still serious security issues in this region."

Rice may use her visits to India and Pakistan to discuss new sales of F-16 fighter planes to the neighboring, rival countries. They have fought three wars since their 1947 independence from Britain.

A senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said no announcement of new weapons sales was expected during the trip.

The United States has built solid relationships with both countries,

in part because of their cooperation in the war on terrorism, Rice said. That "has helped the two states to have good relations with each other."

"...unilateral moves that increase tensions are really not helpful."

CONDOLEEZZA RICE,
SECRETARY OF STATE

Rice will make her first trip to Afghanistan before stops in East Asia, and said she will raise U.S. demands for democratic or human rights reforms at every stop, including Beijing.

Taiwan and China split in 1949, but Beijing considers the democratic, self-ruled island to be Chinese territory. Beijing has threatened repeatedly to attack if Taiwan tries to make its de facto independence permanent.

China insisted yesterday that its new law is meant to promote peaceful unification, but Rice said, "It's our responsibility to say to both the parties that unilateral moves that increase tensions are really not helpful."

Any outbreak of hostilities could ensnare the United States, which is Taiwan's biggest arms supplier and is bound by the

Taiwan Relations Act to help Taiwan defend itself. There are 50,000 U.S. troops in Japan and 35,000 in South Korea. Under Washington's one-China policy, the United States has no diplomatic ties with Taiwan and recognizes Beijing as China's sole government.

As for North Korea, Rice blamed the destitute country for its diplomatic isolation, and said international diplomacy remains the best way to persuade it to give up nuclear ambitions.

"The six-party framework is the best and most reliable way to deal with the North Korean program, because it has all of the important neighbors at the table," Rice said. "What the North Koreans would like is to get into a bilateral discussion with the United States so that one by one they can cut separate deals on this issue, and we're not going to allow them to do it."

The six-way talks included the United States, China, Japan, Russia and South Korea, plus the North Koreans. North Korea pulled out of the talks, announced last month that it has already built a nuclear weapon and denounced the United States.



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MAKING HER ARRIVAL: U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is received by an Indian official after her arrival in New Delhi, India.

Christopher Hill, the top U.S. negotiator to the six-way talks, said Tuesday in Washington that the stalemate "can't go on forever. We need to see some progress here and if we don't, we need to look at other ways to deal with this because there is one option that is not available to us and that is to walk away from this problem."

Hill spoke before the Senate

Foreign Relations Committee, which was considering his nomination as assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs. He said China, as host of the talks, "should make sure they get everybody to the table," but has not yet been able to do so. China is North Korea's biggest aid donor but says it has little influence over North Korean ruler Kim Jong Il.

European nations battle weight issues in the fight against fat

By Jenna Payne
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a group of nations from Greece to Germany, the proportion of overweight or obese men is higher than in the United States, experts said yesterday in a major analysis of expanding girth on the European continent.

"The time when obesity was

thought to be a problem on the other side of the Atlantic has gone by," said Mars Di Bartolomeo, Luxembourg's Minister of Health.

In Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Greece, Malta and Slovakia, a higher percentage of men are obese or overweight than the estimated 67 percent of men in the United

States, according to a report from the International Obesity Task Force, a coalition of researchers and institutions.

The analysis was released as the 25-nation European Union announced an initiative to enlist the food and marketing industries in the fight against fat.

Obesity is especially acute

in Mediterranean countries, underscoring concerns that people in the southern region are turning away from the traditional diet of fish, fruits and vegetables to fast food high in fat and refined carbohydrates.

In Greece, 38 percent of women are obese, compared with 34 percent in the United States,

the group said.

Even in countries with low rates of obesity, troubling trends are emerging. In France, obesity in women rose from 8 percent in 1997 to 11.3 percent in 2003, and from 8.4 percent to 11.4 percent in men.

The change in diets, which the obesity task force said

has occurred over the past two decades, affects children most because it is reflected in school lunches.

The task force estimated that among the EU's 103 million youngsters the number of those overweight rises by 400,000 each year. More than 30 percent of children ages 7 to 11 are overweight in Italy, Portugal, Spain and Malta, it said.

That matches estimates for American children. Among American adults, about two-thirds are overweight or obese;

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Iraq leaders assemble government amid violence

Members elected to National Assembly take oath of office today.

By Todd Pittman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Kurdish and Shiite leaders agreed to convene Iraq's new parliament yesterday despite their apparent failure to complete a deal to form a coalition government. Car bombs exploded on Monday in Baghdad, killing a U.S. soldier and at least five Iraqis, authorities said.

Six other American troops were wounded in one of the blasts. Iraqi police and witnesses reported at least three bombings around the capital.

In Rome, Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi said yesterday that Italy will start withdrawing its 3,000 troops from Iraq in September, Italian news agencies reported. Withdrawing Italian troops "will depend on the capability of the Iraqi government to give itself structures for acceptable security," the ANSA news agency quoted Berlusconi as saying.

Shiite officials said yesterday that they failed to reach final agreement in talks with both the Kurds and the country's Sunni Arab community. Those failures were not enough to prevent the 275-member National Assembly from convening for the first time since the Jan. 30 elections.

Talks with Sunni Arabs focused on naming a parliament speaker. It remained unclear if they would present a candidate today.

"The Kurds want to make some amendments on the deal

and we are going to finish soon, Thursday to be exact. We do not want to impose any name from our side regarding the post of the parliament speaker. We want the Sunnis to nominate some persons for this post, but till now they have not done this," United Iraqi Alliance member Ali al-Dabagh told The Associated Press after talks with Sunni leaders.

They included Interim President Ghazi al-Yawer, a Sunni Arab, the Iraqi Islamic Party and Iraqi nationalist leader Adnan Pachachi.

Sunni Arabs largely stayed away from the elections.

They are believed to make up the core of the insurgency and including them in the political process was seen as a way to isolate the militants.

A car bomb targeting a U.S. military convoy exploded on a road about 500 yards from the main avenue leading to Baghdad's international airport, police Capt. Thamer Talib said. Four civilians were killed and seven were wounded, including two police officers, he said.

Witnesses said some American troops also were wounded, although that was not confirmed by U.S. officials. When U.S. forces arrived to evacuate them, another car bomb exploded, wounding more troops. One Humvee was destroyed and two civilian cars were in flames, witnesses said.

A U.S. military spokesman said he was checking into the report.

A later statement, issued by the U.S. military, said a soldier was killed and six others were injured at 10 a.m., about the same time

as the reported attack near the airport road. It said "several local nationals and one Iraqi policeman were also wounded."

Another suicide car bomb exploded in northeastern Baghdad, killing one child and wounding at least four people, including a police officer, police Col. Muhanad Sadoun said. The bomber was trying to hit a patrol of traffic police but crashed into a tree, Sadoun said.

In Mosul, the U.S. military said yesterday that six insurgents were killed and four were injured Monday in clashes with U.S. and Iraqi forces.

A U.S. Marine with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force died Monday in Anbar, a troubled province that has been a hotbed of guerrilla activity and includes the cities of Fallujah, Ramadi and Qaim, officials said yesterday.

At least 1,516 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Around Qaim, near the Syrian border, a U.S. Marine transport helicopter and a Cobra gunship destroyed a truck whose occupants used a mounted machine gun to fire on them, Marine Maj. Sean Gibson said. Both aircraft returned safely to a nearby base and no one aboard was injured, he said.

In northern Iraq, insurgents blew up an oil pipeline connecting the Kirkuk fields with a refinery in Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad, an official in the Northern Oil Co. said. The pipeline is used only for domestic deliveries, the official said on



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ADDRESSING THE TROOPS: Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, left, reviews the honor guard at Camp Mithra. Berlusconi announced Tuesday that Italy will start withdrawing its 3,000 troops from Iraq in September.

condition of anonymity. He did not have details on the extent of the damage.

The Shiite clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance and a Kurdish coalition, which won the two biggest blocks of seats in January's landmark elections, agreed last week to form a coalition government with Islamic Dawa Party leader Ibrahim al-Jaafari as prime minister. In return, Jalal Talabani will become Iraq's first Kurdish president.

Yesterday, Iraqi authorities stepped up security around the heavily fortified Green Zone, where the parliament will meet. Two bridges leading to the Green Zone were shut down by Iraqi security forces, and roadblocks were erected on other streets leading to the area.

The U.S.-led coalition press office issued a statement saying the newly elected members will take the oath of office today. They will then elect the parlia-

ment speaker and two deputies, as well as the new transitional government's three-member Presidency Council.

The Shiite alliance won 140 seats in the National Assembly, but needs the Kurds' 75 seats to assemble the two-thirds majority required to elect a president, who will then nominate the prime minister.

Authorities in Najaf, south of Baghdad, arrested a suspect believed to have been involved in the 2003 assassination of Shiite leader Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim, said police chief Maj. Gen. Ghaleb al-Jazaeri.

Ramzy Hashim was arrested 10 days ago and confessed that he was one of the assailants in the Aug. 29, 2003, attack outside a Najaf mosque that killed more than 85 people, including al-Hakim.

The Baghdad office of Abdel Aziz al-Hakim, the cleric's younger brother and leader of

the alliance, confirmed that a suspect involved in the assassination was detained in Najaf more than a week ago.

Al-Jazaeri added that Hashim allegedly came to Najaf with other accomplices to carry out attacks on the office of Iraq's top Shiite authority, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said organized crime and criminals-for-hire appear to be taking a bigger role in the insurgency, although former Saddam loyalists and foreign fighters still pose a major threat.

"That may be a larger piece of what we're seeing out there, as opposed to hardcore insurgents," he said. Some are "people just executing crimes to make money and to gain influence," and some aim to intimidate, "much like organized crime has done in other parts of the world," he added.

Task force helps European Union battle rising obesity

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nearly one-third qualify as obese.

The International Obesity Task Force, which is advising the European Union, had estimated in 2003 that about 200 million of the 350 million adults living in what is now the European Union may be overweight or obese.

A closer evaluation of the figures in the latest analysis indicated that may be an underestimate, according to the group.

To counter the worsening trend, the EU is pushing a united effort from the food and marketing industries, consumer groups and health experts.

"The industry is being challenged

to demonstrate, transparently, that it is going to be part of the solution," Philip James, chairman of the IOTF, said in a telephone interview after the launch of the program in Brussels.

"They have to say how much more

money they will add to help solve the obesity problem. They have to put forward a plan on how exactly they are going to contribute year by year, and their contribution has to get bigger every year," he added.

The food industry says it will better inform consumers with detailed nutrition labels. The EU office also wants tastier healthy foods to compete with high-calorie, non-nutritious fare.

Studies have shown that being overweight can dramatically increase the risk of certain diseases, such as diabetes. Obesity is also linked to heart disease, high blood pressure, strokes, respiratory disease, arthritis

and some types of cancer.

"We can have disastrous effects from (obesity) on health and the national economy," EU Health Commissioner Markos Kyprianou said.

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Escapee back on trial for rape, murder



Ric Feld AP Photo

THE BIG DAY: Brian Nichols, center, the suspect in a crime spree that left a judge and three others dead, appears in court in Atlanta.

By Bill Poovey
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Surrounded by 19 officers in a cinder-block jail room, the suspect in a rampage that left a judge and three others dead went before a magistrate yesterday and was informed that authorities plan to charge him with murder.

Brian Nichols, his hands and ankles shackled, appeared before Cobb County Magistrate Judge Frank Cox on the same rape charge that he was on trial for Friday when he escaped from another courthouse. Nichols spoke only once at the hearing, when Cox asked him if he had any questions.

"Not at this time," he said.

Officers lined the walls of the room during yesterday's hearing. Authorities said Nichols had been alone with a female deputy Friday when he stole her gun and then shot to death the judge presiding over his rape case and two others. He also is accused of killing a federal agent

as he eluded police.

Cox was brought in to hear the case after all the judges in Fulton County recused themselves because of their relationships with Judge Rowland Barnes and the other victims.

Assistant District Attorney Michele McCutcheon informed Cox that the state will pursue four charges of murder against him. Nichols was held without bond and no future court hearings were set.

Defense attorney Chris Adams told reporters after the hearing "this is a time of grief and mourning" for the courthouse community.

Officials declared a mistrial in Nichols' second rape trial Monday. His first trial was a mistrial as well.

The prosecutors in those trials said Nichols lashed out because he believed the jury was going to convict him in the second. If convicted, he faces a sentence of up to life in prison.

After being the focus of a

26-hour manhunt, the largest in Georgia history, Nichols was arrested Saturday morning at an apartment complex where he had taken a woman hostage, then let her go free after several hours.

Some residents are questioning how local law enforcement let an armed inmate elude their grasp for so long.

Security cameras had been rolling Friday morning as Nichols overpowered deputy Cynthia Hall as the 5-foot-tall officer escorted him to his rape trial. No one was monitoring the cameras.

Authorities said Nichols escaped the courthouse in a Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority train. They said he took the train north to a pricey neighborhood where he allegedly gunned down a federal agent.

"I don't understand why they didn't have the MARTA staked out," said Maryanne Fry, a neighbor of slain immigration agent David Wilhelm. "I really wish they had."

As Nichols vanished from the courthouse, investigators focused on finding the car they believed he was in. Thirteen hours later, the car was found in the same parking garage where it was carjacked minutes after the shootings.

MARTA spokeswoman Jocelyn Baker said investigators are still reviewing surveillance videos for evidence that Nichols was on a commuter train.

The first indication that Nichols had taken the train came 13 hours after the shootings.

Officers received a report of a couple assaulted near the train station at Lenox Square in north Atlanta by a man matching Nichols' description. The man had brandished a gun and demanded money or a vehicle before striking one of them in the head with the gun and fleeing.

The attack was about half a half block from the home of Wilhelm, whose body was found early Saturday. His blue pickup truck, pistol and badge had been taken.

WorldCom founder convicted on all charges

WorldCom founder is convicted on charges of conspiracy, fraud

By Erin McClam
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Bernard Ebbers, who built WorldCom from a humble Mississippi long-distance firm into one of the nation's biggest telecommunications conglomerates, was convicted yesterday of engineering the colossal accounting fraud that sank the company.

A federal jury in Manhattan deliberated eight days before returning guilty verdicts on all counts — one count of conspiracy, one count of security fraud and seven counts of false

regulatory filings. The crimes carry up to 85 years in prison.

When the verdict was read, Ebbers' face reddened. His wife, Kristie, and other family members broke into tears. Afterward, Ebbers and his wife hailed a taxi outside the courthouse and left without speaking to reporters.

"We're all devastated," said defense attorney Reid Weingarten. "It's very sad it came out the way it did."

Sentencing was set for June 13. Weingarten said an appeal was planned, adding: "We are obviously extremely disappointed with this verdict, but the fight will continue."

There was no immediate comment from any of the jurors. The judge offered jurors the chance to speak to report-

ers, but none accepted, and the judge instructed reporters not to badge the jury.

The conviction comes more than two years after an internal auditor began asking questions about curious accounting at WorldCom, touching off a scandal that eventually unearthed \$11 billion in cooked books.

Prosecution testimony at the six-week trial portrayed Ebbers, 63, as obsessed with keeping WorldCom's stock price high, and panicked about \$400 million in personal loans that were backed by his shares in the company.

Ebbers himself took the witness stand late in the trial, insisting that he was unfamiliar with the details of accounting and knew nothing about the fraud taking place on his watch.

The star witness against him

was Scott Sullivan, the former finance chief, who claimed Ebbers repeatedly ordered him to "hit our numbers."

Sullivan, who himself has pleaded guilty to fraud, admitted to essentially masterminding the fraud.

With the entire telecom industry suffering a dot-com hangover, the fraud was driven by soaring "line costs." Prosecutors said the fraud stretched from late 2000 until early 2002, sometimes amounting to nearly \$1 billion per quarter in hidden expenses and improperly recognized revenue.

Pressure from the loans, the money he stood to lose and the power of the CEO's job combined to form a "perfect storm of corruption" that drove Ebbers to commit fraud, prosecutor William Johnson said in his closing argument.

"He was WorldCom, and WorldCom was Ebbers. Of course he directed this fraud."

WILLIAM JOHNSON,
WORLD.COM PROSECUTOR

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BG SPORTS

BRIEFING

Reimold named MAC West Player of Week

Bowling Green right fielder Nolan Reimold was named Player of the Week by the Mid-American Conference.

The announcement was made Monday after Reimold led the Falcons to a 4-1 record in Florida. In that span, he hit 8-for-18 with three triples, two doubles and a home-run. On top of this, Reimold scored six runs and knocked in another eight.

This marks the third time the junior has been honored as Player of the Week.

It's going to be a mad world this month

MATT RIDDLE

The Riddler

It is that time of the year again when life is a little more exciting. You rush home to watch the games on CBS and check the Internet for updates on the non-televvised games. Missing class, bringing a transistor radio everywhere you go, just to become aware of how your bracket will turn out becomes a social norm.

It's March Madness, a time for sports fans to ponder their brackets and glue themselves to the TV, wishing their Cinderella team advances. This year's field of teams is very deep, and it's a hard bracket to figure out.

The teams in the tournament are legitimate but I feel that Indiana, Notre Dame and Miami got the short end of the stick. Looking at the first round and the potential games to follow there are a lot of exciting games.

Breaking down the regions we start off with the *Chicago* region. Illinois is the best team in the country and the top seed here.

Best first round game: Texas vs. Nevada. Texas has one of the best freshmen in the nation with point guard Daniel Gibson while Nevada has one of the most underrated players in the NCAA, Nick Fazekas. Nevada may be outmatched with depth as they don't have many offensive scorers.

Best possible match-up: Possible Sweet 16 match-up between Arizona and Oklahoma State. Salim Stoudamire versus John Lucas, it doesn't get much better than that.

Cinderella watch: Southern Illinois has the MVC Player of the Year in Darren Brooks and if they can produce offensively their defense can carry them.

Best player: Dee Brown of Illinois. He is the Big Ten Player of the Year and brings incredible speed and energy to the floor every game. Also a potential top 10 pick in NBA draft.

Upset watch: Boston College matches up good with Illinois and if Illinois has another bad game like against Ohio State, B.C. could be trouble. UAB did it last year and this year they still have the talent to knock off LSU in round one.

Now we can move on to the *Albuquerque* Region with number one seed and surprise Washington.

Best first round game: Texas Tech vs. UCLA. UCLA has three athletic freshmen (Farnar, Affalo and Shipp) who are led by team scoring leader forward Dijon Thompson. Texas Tech has very good guards led by Ronald Ross. Texas Tech has some control problems and makes a lot of mistakes when they push the ball. Tech needs to avoid turnovers and shut down Dijon Thompson to win.

Best possible match-up: A potential second round match up between Georgia Tech and Louisville. The Cardinals are one of the best teams in the country and ended up with a bad seed, while Georgia Tech is one of the hottest teams in the country. Tech's trio of Jarrett Jack, B.J. Elder and Luke Schenscher is almost unstoppable when they are all on their game. Louisville also has a dynamic trio with Francisco Garcia, Taquan Dean and Larry O'Bannon. This game might be the best in the tournament.

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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

BASEBALL

Falcons set for home opener, maybe

By Elliott Schreiner
SPORTS EDITOR

When the Bowling Green baseball team hosts Findlay this afternoon, their first goal will be just that; hosting Findlay.

The Falcons have jumped out to an 8-2 record thus far this season thanks to a 6-1 showing on their spring break trip to Bradenton, Fla. They had similar success last season, starting the season 7-2 after a strong road trip down south but were stopped by the weather in the next few weeks.

"We need to play," BG head coach Danny Schmitz said. "The

problem we ran into last year was we had a great spring and then we turned around and played just one game in the next two weeks."

The forecast for today is a high of 40 and mostly sunny according to weather.com, and the Falcons are hoping that holds true. Until yesterday, the Falcons hadn't practiced at Steller Field once, a trend they are hoping Mother Nature ends soon.

It didn't look that way last week while the team was in Florida and it snowed just about every day. That had Schmitz worried that not only would today's

game be delayed (it was) but it would also be cancelled.

"To be honest," Schmitz said. "I thought I'd talk to our field manager, Jeff Osbourne, and he'd say we wouldn't be able to play at all."

Right now, that doesn't appear to be the case.

If the Falcons do get on the field, they will get a chance to continue their hot-hitting. Even without being able to practice outside much, BG has brought the lumber to every game after the season opener, in which they were shut out by Murray State.

"Anytime you're not able

to get outside you're not sure how you'll get out of the gates," Schmitz said. "But after the first game at Murray State, we started swinging the bats well."

That has translated into some pretty impressive batting averages in the team's first 10 games. Andy Hudak has led the way for the Falcons with a .439 average while knocking in 14 runs. Josh Dietz, Tyler Wasserman and Nolan Reimold are each hitting over .350 to start the year. Reimold has packed the biggest punch of all the batters, bringing a .718 slugging percentage and seven extra base hits into

today's game.

Findlay will bring a 3-7 record into the game and is coming off a spring trip of their own. The Falcons know that if they plan to win this game, and most of the rest of their games this season, they will have to have some solid innings from their pitchers on top of the great hitting.

"I think this team has a great chance to swing the bats well," Schmitz said. "But this team is only going to go as far as their pitching takes them."

The Falcons will open their home season with Findlay at 2 p.m. today at Steller Field.

RUGBY



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CAN'T TOUCH THIS: Bowling Green center Ian Gagnon, with ball, prepares to fend off a Georgia Tech tackler during their spring break tour. Gagnon and the Falcons came out of their tour with six combined wins against Georgia Tech, the University of South Florida, and Eckerd College.

Falcons not hospitable to south

By James Kuper
GUEST REPORTER

Like Ohioan General William T. Sherman in the Civil War, the Bowling Green rugby team cut a swath through the old South, leaving behind a path devastation and defeat on their spring break tour. The Falcon rugger crushed formerly undefeated Georgia Tech 43-6 and 24-12, the University of South Florida 37-19 and 37-17 and Eckerd College 86-5 and 31-24.

This was Bowling Green's seventh spring break tour and the Falcons have posted a 42-0 record against teams from below the Mason-Dixon line on their southern trips.

"If someone was going to break that streak and beat us, they lost their best chance on this year's trip," BG coach Roger Mazzarella said. "We left BG last week without a single outside practice and only a couple scrum practices."

"I think the game results, especially against Georgia Tech, showed just how talented this year's club actually is," he said. "We got bushwhacked by Michigan last fall and I think everyone has written us off as having a 'down' year. I don't agree. In fact I think this spring's squad has an excellent chance of going undefeated."

The lack of scrum practice

certainly didn't show as the forwards were the most dominating aspect of BG's game all week. The Falcons scored four pushover tries and drove their opponent forwards back on their heels in every scrum.

"It's tough to generate any offense when you're going backwards all day," South Florida captain Alex Christie said. "We considered it a minor victory just to stay on our feet, let alone retain possession of the ball."

Having last played Georgia Tech in 1984, both BG and the Yellow Jackets were strangers to each other.

"BG's size certainly caught our attention as they warmed up," Tech coach Dan MacDougal said. "Five minutes into the game it was obvious that not only was BG big, but they were also technically proficient and we were in deep trouble."

Despite playing into the wind, facing a low riding spring sun and going uphill, the Falcons kept up a steady barrage of points against the Yellow Jackets. Eight man Art Pietrangelo scored both of BG's pushover tries and center

Ben Fledderjohann had his best day as a Falcon with two tries of his own.

Fullback Jake Puhl and lock Aaron Slates scored on solo efforts. Fly half Derek Imes hit on four conversion attempts to make the final of the first match 43-6.

Tech put up a little more offense in the second match but BG won going away 24-12. Wing James Kuper scored two tries and BG High School grad Eric Nutter and fullback Ben Gutek each got one. Gutek also booted two conversions.

As expected, 2004 national championship finalist South Florida put up a stiffer resistance, but in the end succumbed to the relentless pressure applied by BG's forwards.

In the first match, a 37-19 Falcon victory, flanker Brian Farrell scored two tries while scrum half Vince Staropoli, wing Dave Demings and fullback Ben Gutek added one each. Fly half Derek Imes hit on two penalty field goals and three conversions.

Winning the second match

39-17, the Falcons were paced by fly half Chris Corbett's three tries and center Dan Brandenstein's pair. Wing James Kuper added another as did Gutek, who also kicked the only conversion.

Having knocked loose most of the winter rust, the Falcons then crushed the overmatched Eckerd College Tritons by scores of 86-5 and 31-24. Wing Dave Demings led the Falcons with a hat trick and was followed into the end zone by Gutek, Farrell and scrum half Brian Knaupe with a pair of tries by each.

Joining the scoring parade were Staropoli, Pietrangelo, wing Matt Johnston, prop Andrew Hughes and flanker Bryan Kupper with one try each. Imes hit on eight conversion kicks.

In the second match Corbett, Kuper, Gutek, center Allen Allred and Zak Williams scored tries and center Dan Brandenstein kicked three conversions.

Off to a quick 6-0 record, the Falcons will take on the Cleveland Rovers, a men's senior team made up mainly of former Falcon players.

The Rovers, boasting eight former Falcons on their starting XV, went undefeated last fall and are tuning up for their run on the Midwest senior men's championship.

Gametime is 1 p.m. at Cleveland's Edgewater Park.

Oakland wins play in, now set for UNC

By Rusty Miller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oakland's first trip to the NCAA tournament will last at least two games. Golden Grizzlies, meet the Tar Heels.

Oakland broke open a tight game behind Rawle Marshall's 29 points and Courtney Scott's 21 to beat Alabama A&M 79-69 last night in the opening round of the NCAA tournament in Dayton.

The Golden Grizzlies (13-18) won their sixth game in a row, including three upsets in as many days last week by a combined seven points to take the Mid-Continent Conference title, giving them a berth in the field of 65.

Now they have a first-round game against top-seeded North Carolina on Friday night — in Charlotte, no less.

Oakland became only the fifth team with a losing record to win an NCAA tournament game, following Bradley in 1955 and the last three years at the Dayton opening round: Siena in 2002, UNC-Asheville in 2003 and Florida A&M a year ago.

Obie Trotter scored 24 points and Joseph Martin added 22 for Alabama A&M (18-14), regular-season and tournament champs of the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Both teams were making their first appearance in the NCAA tournament. Oakland made the jump from Division II to Division I in the 1997-98 season.

As the Golden Grizzlies stretched the lead to 21 points with 5 minutes left, the emboldened Oakland student section began chanting, "We want Tar Heels! We want Tar Heels!"

The turnaround is almost incomprehensible for a team that was 7-18 and riding a three-game skid just 18 days earlier. Almost as incredible, Oakland opened the season 0-7, losing by an average of 13 points a game, against a who's who of powerhouses: Illinois, Marquette, Xavier, Missouri, Texas A&M, Kansas State and Saint Louis.

Marshall, a wiry, 6-foot-7 senior swingman expected to be taken in the NBA draft this spring, was the focal point for the Golden Grizzlies most of the night.

He was 9-of-16 from the field, including 3-for-4 on 3-pointers and 8-of-11 in free throws, to go with nine rebounds and three assists.

Marshall's most dramatic play came in the opening half.

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Syracuse region should be strongest in NCAA tourney

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ment and whoever wins this game should push for the Final Four.

Cinderella watch: Pittsburgh plays in one of the best conferences in the country, the Big East, and is primed for good competition. If Chris Taft and Carl Krauser get hot, they can make it to the second weekend.

Best player: Wake Forest's Chris Paul. There's no question that this is the best point guard in the nation and he is only a sophomore. Paul is an aggressive slasher who creates with the ball. If he decides to leave he will be a top five pick in the NBA draft.

Upset Watch: Look for the winner of Georgia Tech and Louisville to beat Washington in the Sweet 16. You can't forget about March Madness' most famous team Gonzaga as they can make a strong push to the Final Four and knock off Wake Forest. This may be a stretch, but Creighton, with their three pointers has a chance to defeat West Virginia.

The Syracuse region has the most talented teams. The top five seeds have the potential to make the final four. North Carolina has the number one seed in this region.

Best first round game: Villanova vs. New Mexico. Villanova in the past month has been hot as they almost climbed to the top of the Big East. Villanova has four great guards led by Allan Ray. But they lack size, which may hurt them. New Mexico has one of the best players in the country, Danny Granger. If Granger's supporting cast rises to the occasion look out for the Lobos.

Best possible match-up: How can the potential Elite Eight match-up between North Carolina and Kansas not be the best? Roy Williams would coach against his old team in Kansas. Carolina and Kansas have the best athletes in College basketball and the intriguing match-up between Keith Langford and Rashard



REDICK-ULOUS: Duke's J.J. Redick shoots over UNC's Jackie Manuel at the Dean Smith Center, March 6, 2005.

McCants and Aaron Miles and Ray Felton.

Cinderella watch: North Carolina State. The Wolfpack are led by senior Julius Hodge. They also have a dynamite three point shooter in Iliyan Evtimov. They play in the best conference the ACC, and all the competition may pay off.

Best Player: Rashad McCants from North Carolina. The best pure scorer in the NCAA. His outside shooting ability and inside scoring threat make him dangerous. Look for McCants to draw many double teams, leaving Felton open shots.

Upset Watch: Northern Iowa almost won their game last year against Georgia Tech. This year they are more balanced offensively with sharp shooter Ben Jacobson. The Gators have the fire power to knock off North Carolina in the Sweet 16.

The final region is Austin, where Duke is number one.

Best first round game: Cincinnati vs. Iowa. Iowa has risen from early season struggles and almost made it to the Big Ten Championship. The Bearcats have some solid talent and a

great threat with Jason Maxiell. If Iowa plays as strong as they did in the Big Ten tournament, they could win this one.

Best possible match-up: Duke versus Syracuse in the Sweet 16. With two of the greatest players in NCAA basketball, J.J. Reddick from Duke and Hakim Warrick from Syracuse, will battle each other all game.

Cinderella watch: UTEP has one of the best duos in the NCAA with Omar Thomas and Filiberto Rivera. UTEP leads the nation in free throw percentage, which is a very important stat.

Best player: Andrew Bogut of Utah. Bogut is a 7'0 245 pound sophomore who dominates games inside and outside. Bogut will most likely be the first pick overall in the upcoming NBA Draft.

Upset watch: Look for Old Dominion to pose problems for Michigan State, or even Niagara to hang with three seed Oklahoma.

Note: The latest championship prediction established from all the brackets from ESPN.com has Illinois beating North Carolina in the Championship.

No Booze is no prob as Cavs beat Jazz

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LeBron James scored 36 points in 34 dominant minutes against Carlos Boozer's new team, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to their third straight win, 92-73 over the cold-shooting Utah Jazz last night.

James went 11-of-15 from the field, 12-of-16 on free throws, added nine rebounds and had a perfectly balanced performance. Of his 36 points, 12 came in the paint, 12 came from the line and the other 12 came on outside jumpers.

Gooden, acquired by Cleveland in a trade last summer to replace Boozer, added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Utah, which scored just 62 points in a loss at Detroit on Sunday, scored nine in the second quarter and went 27-of-81 from the field. Andrei Kirilenko had 14 points — 12 in the first quarter — and Matt Harpring added just six on 2-of-11 shooting as the Jazz lost their sixth straight.

Boozer, sidelined with a sprained foot, didn't make the trip to Cleveland, the city where he's now considered a traitor for signing a \$68 million free-agent deal with the Jazz.



Mark Duncan AP Photo

TOO MUCH: LeBron James goes up for a shot against the Jazz in Cleveland last night. The Cavs won 93-72.

eight months ago.

The Cavs insisted they had an understanding with Boozer that he would stay with them. He says leaving was simply a sound business decision.

Whatever happened, Cavs' fans haven't forgotten.

Although disappointed that Boozer wasn't present, Cavaliers fans didn't hide their hatred for

the forward. The club didn't miss a chance to stoke its fans, either, flashing a photo of a smiling Boozer in his Jazz uniform on the giant scoreboard before the game and when Utah shot free throws.

Those moments were greeted with loud "boos," not the loving "Boozer" that Boozer heard during his two seasons as a fan favorite in Gund Arena.

Some fans brought homemade signs to send their own personal message to Boozer. Among the most creative: "Carlos Who?" "Is Last Place Worth \$68 Million?" and "Et Tu, Boozer?" in a reference to the Ides of March.

Boozer's about-face is not as historical, but not enough time has passed to heal Cleveland's pain.

However, Cavs fans are taking solace in seeing Boozer struggle. The Jazz are just 20-43, while Cleveland is 34-27 and on its way to qualifying for the NBA playoffs for the first time since 1998.

James didn't score his first points until dropping two free throws with 6:37 left in the first quarter. But he was just warming up because with 8:47 left in the second quarter, he had 22.

Marshall leads Oakland

OAKLAND, FROM PAGE 9

He took a pass on the right elbow, pump-faked a defender off his feet and then sliced through the lane for a soaring dunk and a foul. A crowd of 8,254 roared its approval.

Ahead 38-35 at the break, Oakland scored 16 of the first 18 points in the second half.

Patrick McCloskey, who had sleepwalked through the first half with no points and two rebounds in 12 minutes, led

the surge with five points, five rebounds and a blocked shot. The 260-pound Scott, a transfer from Iowa, added four points on two twisting inside moves. Brandon Cassise came off the bench for two baskets and Marshall hit a 3-pointer.

The Rochester, Mich., school with an enrollment of 16,500 pushed the lead to 54-37 and the lead never dropped below double digits.

Scott built his 21 points on 9-of-14 shooting and added

eight rebounds. McCloskey had 11 rebounds and Cassise had 13 points.

There were eight lead changes in the opening half before Oakland took the three-point halftime lead.

Marshall had 17 points, and Scott added 11 — one more than the rest of the lineup combined.

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STUDENT GOES TO COURT AGAINST SORORITY

(U-WIRE) TOLEDO — A University of Toledo student is suing the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority and the university for \$25,000 for injuries she said resulted from a hazing incident last March. Along with the sorority, two members of the UT chapter are named in the lawsuit, which involves an alleged paddling incident.

Firefighter's blood snuffs a job in Iraq

Barna complains that lack of insulin was cause of dismissal

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BROOK PARK — A diabetic employee of a Pentagon contractor claims he was a victim of discrimination when he was shipped home from his firefighter job in Iraq because of his insulin-dependent condition.

"Why can't they just give me a chance? Give me six months. Then, if they don't think I'm capable, send me home," asked Paul Barna, 25, who went to work overseas in November for Wackenhut Services Inc. of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. The Department of Defense hired the security services firm to create 12 fire departments in Iraq.

After 17 days in Iraq, Barna was sent home to northeast Ohio. He said a company official told him he could no longer stay because he is an insulin-dependent diabetic.

Barna has filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, charging that Wackenhut violated the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Jim Long, Wackenhut president and chief executive, said he could not comment on specifics of Barna's employment, particularly if it involved a

medical condition, an area governed by federally mandated privacy requirements.

Long said the case might have involved government regulations against deploying people who need medication.

"There are a lot of government regulations over there and more than likely he was demobilized because he fell into a category that the government required us to demobilize him," Long said.

To Barna, the job in Iraq — where more than 200 U.S. civilian contractors have been killed in the last two years — was an opportunity to serve his country, get professional training and earn money.

He has been a diabetic since childhood, one of 18 million Americans with the disease caused by insufficient insulin, a hormone that converts food into energy. Barna's diabetes requires regular insulin injections.

The condition didn't bar him from the North Royalton High School football and wrestling teams, but did keep him from joining the military after graduation when he tried to enlist.

The state-certified firefighter was working for the



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JUSTICE SOUGHT: An Ohio resident and diabetic, Paul Barna, claims that his dismissal from his position as a firefighter in Iraq violated the Americans with Disabilities Act because it was based on his condition.

Alcoa Aluminum Co. in Cleveland in plant security and firefighting and as a part-time firefighter for nearby Columbia Township last year when he saw Wackenhut's ad on the Internet.

The firm wanted 500 workers for fire and emergency services at U.S. military bases in Iraq. The job paid \$90,000 a year, partially tax-free, plus expenses and benefits.

Barna said he told Wackenhut he was an insulin-dependent diabetic when they offered him the job, and he supplied a letter from his doctor saying Barna could perform firefighting duties.

Brian Crawford, assistant fire chief in Shreveport, La., who wrote an article on diabetes and firefighting last year for Fire Chief magazine, said National Fire Protection Association medical requirements for firefighters exclude candidates with Barna's type of diabetes.

Fourth grader injured after toting gun to school

By Joe Danborn
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Police are investigating the background of a gun that a second-grader brought to school, after it fired in his book bag and shot him in the hand.

The boy, identified as 7-year-old Farland Dindy by the school district, told investigators he found the gun while walking to school Monday, police Sgt. David Sicilian said. The gun had not been reported stolen, and investigators did not know whether the gun was registered to someone.

Dindy was released from Children's Hospital after treatment, hospital spokeswoman Amy Ranalli said Tuesday. The boy's mother would not authorize the release of any information about his injury, Ranalli said.

Authorities did not know why the .45-caliber pistol went off at Leawood Elementary School. A shell casing was found in the book bag.

A classmate of the boy, Brittani Palmer, said she saw him show the gun to another boy, who didn't want to touch it. She said she went to her desk, heard a pop and saw Dindy shaking his hand.

There were about 15 children in class when the gun went off at 9 a.m., Sicilian said. There were no other injuries.

The school was not closed, and fourth graders took standardized tests as scheduled. The fourth-grade classrooms are in a different wing of the building from where the shooting happened, school district spokesman Andrew Marcelain said.

School Superintendent Gene Harris said the district sent counselors to the school of 427 students to support students, parents and teachers.

Though classes remained in session, some parents took their children home. School officials distributed a letter explaining what happened and asked parents to talk with their children about safety.


"I know it was an accident, but it could have been worse than that," said Brittani's father, Bryan Young, who took his three children out of school.

Kim Bell, 46, standing outside of the school with her fourth-grade son, said teachers tried to keep the shooting quiet so not to scare the other children.

"It's a very good school, very good teachers. It's not a school a kid would bring a gun to," she said.

Dindy will have a disciplinary hearing this week if his health permits it, and he could be expelled. Officials didn't know of any serious past problems with the boy, who was not in school yesterday, Marcelain said. State law requires a one-year suspension for students who bring guns to school, he said.

Columbus schools have had a dozen cases this school year involving students with guns at school, one more than last year, Marcelain said. This was the first such instance involving an elementary student since a gun went off on a school bus in December 2003, he said. No one was injured that time.



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Stepfather faces rape charges in civil court

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AKRON — A man who won a new trial on charges of impregnating his stepdaughter with a syringe has returned to court on a civil lawsuit filed by the victim.

Shenna Grimm, 22, has sued John Goff, 43, of Stow, Akron City Hospital and the Summit County Children's Services Board. She said the hospital and county agency should have reported the sexual abuse.

The hospital said Grimm indicated her boyfriend made her pregnant and asked to have her stepfather listed as the father for insurance purposes.

The trial, which began Monday in Summit County Common Pleas Court, is expected to last one week.

Goff, who appeared in court in shackles and an orange prison jumpsuit, was sentenced to 20 years for rape, sexual battery and child endangering. Last month, his conviction was overturned on appeal, but he has remained in prison while the prosecutors contest the ruling.

The lawsuit asked for unspecified damages.

Grimm said in court documents that if a hospital social worker and county intake worker had used appropriate techniques, they would have realized denial is a common response of a sexually abused child.

She said they should have been concerned because Goff was in the delivery room and in Grimm's room while she breastfed her son.

Goff, who is representing himself, told potential jurors that none of Grimm's allegations were true.

"These people couldn't have possibly known anything was wrong because nothing was wrong," he said of hospital and agency officials.

Goff agreed that he is the biological father of a boy born in 1999 to his then 17-year-old stepdaughter. He and his family said the girl lied when she testified that she was threatened with a gun to comply with insemination using a syringe. The boy was placed for adoption.

Goff's wife, Narda, was released from prison in 2003 after serving about eight months of a three-year sentence for complicity to commit sexual battery and child endangering.

The couple campaigned for tougher rape laws in the 1990s after a man accused of molesting Grimm was acquitted because of a loophole.

Legislators changed the law in 1996 to include penetration with any object as a component to rape. Previously, only sexual intercourse was considered rape.

The Goffs said they persuaded her daughter to have a baby. Mrs. Goff was unable to have more children because she has multiple sclerosis and other health problems.

New approach to news

(U-WIRE)

TOLEDO — The 13th-floor office of the Toledo Free Press is especially quiet this afternoon.

Stepping inside and waiting for the arrival of the "hallmark newspaper" characters, one expects to meet the grouchy, harried editor in chief or the cut-throat reporters.

But the grouchiest character here is the fickle Toledo weather that's filtering in a dull pre-rain glow.

Down the hall is Michael Miller's office. A UT alumnus, former managing editor of The Collegian and now the TFP editor in chief. He's waiting patiently to be interviewed about his role at the helm of a new "Toledo tradition," as the TFP Web site proclaims.

After being persuaded by Thomas Pounds, former general manager of The Blade, to join him as he launches his idea for a different kind of news weekly, Miller has been on board full time for about a month.

For a new Toledo weekly about to launch its first issue, the office, with its view of the downtown sprawl and its just-opened vibe, seems just another part of the TFP's mix of the atypical and the conventional.

The World Wide Web can be a strange place — for Miller it has proven to be a world where he can conduct business (his Web site of editorials can be found at www.lightingthefuse.com); introduce new ventures and even address "smack" talking.

Case in point: As soon as the imminent arrival of the TFP was announced in the cyber-world, speculation was abounding.

Some wrote praise — "I for one applaud Toledo Free Press" — the rest was pretty cruel: "It's doomed to fail," and "This paper looks b-o-r-i-n-g."

And all this before the weekly tabloid hits the stands for the first time.

Miller, a Web-savvy journalist, found the Toledo Talk Web site and addressed the supporters and the naysayers (who became much more civil after the TFP's editor addressed them directly).

The question he posed to them more than once: "What do you want to read about?"

"I think that the stuff that's going on the Web will help influence our mission," Miller said. "This is kind of a corny thing, but what I see is we have a mission, but not an agenda. And the mission is: What do you want?"

Miller comes off as less corny and more serious — he's been at the helm of TFP's editorial side, manning a project that has been underway for more than a year thanks to the vision of Pounds, who is realizing his vision of becoming the publisher of a new voice in Toledo.

It's a role that can give even the most experienced — and both Pounds and Miller are no Johnny-come-latelies, as one Toledo Talk speculator assessed — a heavy dose of pressure.

While both have crisscrossed the country throughout their careers, they agreed Toledo is ready for a general news weekly that can cover issues for Toledoans about "what people are doing, as opposed to what institutions are doing," as Miller put it.

The TFP will have plenty of standards to meet in a city of residents already critical of their media offerings, and Miller is by no means naive to the environment the TFP will enter.

The first story will focus on crime around the city (Miller won't give specifics for fear cover stories will be copied), but will focus on filtering the issues through specific people and events.

Storytelling is Miller's proclaimed passion, and as someone whose vision is "95 percent" of the TFP's editorial make-up, traditional styles of journalism will be put aside, so to speak.

Miller is a guy who quotes Hunter S. Thompson in a speech — he won't be going Gonzo, but it won't be the typical run-of-the-mill fact listing, either.

"I think there's a lot of old-school journalism still being done, in terms of inverted pyramid style ... we want to throw those conventions away," Miller said. "I mean we're still 100 percent fact-based, but I have a lot of training ... in creative non-fiction, is what they call it ... where it's news, but you're telling a story, so you put a human face on things."

And in the same vein of avoiding the strictly old-school stuff, Miller wants the TFP to be interactive with Web content, so readers can find an extended interview online or different aspects of the coverage.

"How we present it, obviously, is much different from anything you're going to see in the market right now," Miller said.

This attitude is one that embodies the TFP at the moment: progressive and contemporary are the words on the lips of those involved, an attempt at entering a market with a fresh outlook that extends to the layout.

Miller said the tabloid-format, West-Coast design (one Northwest Ohioans have not been exposed to through other regional papers) will allow him to focus on "big photography, big graphics - eye-catching things."

But there are some things TFP won't be so modern about — in a show of tradition and sensitivity to readers' sentiments, the paper will go without the advertising dollars of the plethora of strip joints about town.

Nothing against strip joints, Miller said, but there is an image to be cultivated.

But don't accuse Miller and

Pounds of running a sappy weekly news organization — the whole intent is to go at things with the unbiased and professional angle of those most respected in the news industry, and they'll have plenty of check-ups on their coverage as members of the Associated Press.

Reputation is a word that resonates with both Pounds and Miller, and it will be a bit of a challenge building one with Toledoans already critical of the daily The Blade and artsy, niche weeklies like the Toledo City Paper.

Both Pounds and Miller have histories with both those papers. Pounds said his stint at The Blade was part of the reason he's been so successful with this endeavor and that he left "on good terms."

Miller spent a short while as editor in chief of the City Paper, but says his stay was too short to have any lasting influence. The plan with TFP, Miller said, is to be objective but not boring, supportive of regional growth but not a mouthpiece and interesting to the young crowd as well as the resident Toledoans.

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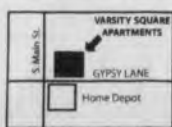
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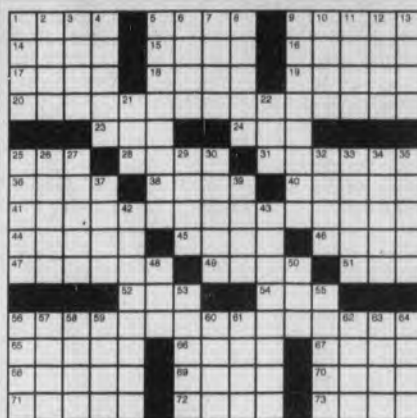
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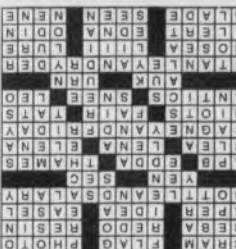
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9 Snapshot
14 Singer McEntire
15 Give a new look to
16 Varnish ingredient
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18 Creative flash
19 Chart stand
20 Two caps
23 Hankering
24 Min. part
25 LAPD call
28 Icelandic poem
31 Reading river
36 Last book of "The Alexandria Quartet"
38 Capp's hyena
40 "Maria"
41 Two cops
44 Rampages
45 "My ___ Lady"

46 Makes lace
47 Shenanigans
49 Scottish dagger
51 Zodiac sign
52 Guilemot's cousin
54 Container with a tap
56 Two cups
65 Book after Daniel
66 XXVII + XXVI
67 Angler's doodad
68 Vigilant
69 Writer Farber
70 Norse VIP
71 Woodland clearing
72 Witnessed
73 Goose on Oahu

42 Intensify
43 Kind of slip
48 Bring to court
50 Miss the mark
53 Rote and Petty
55 Synthetic thermoplastic material
56 Uneven hairstyle
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